

Rahway, NJ

Chapman, Lillie

[to Henry Chapman, Jr.,
her cousin]

[Rahway, NJ]

[c/o. F. Schumacher]

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to return the half of my
letter that had the list
of coins, and their value.

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give a description of
them, but they were all
in a good state of
preservation.]

September 2, 1892

as I dislike to
talk about my-
self and letters
fall into other
hands than the
family's
Please de-
-sist of this
when read.
as I know of
no other relatives
I would care
to write to so
few.

Rohrway Sept-28th
C. F. Schumacher

Your letter just received, and
you have forgotten to return
the part of my letter, that had
the list of coins on - and their
value. I do not know how to give
a description of them. I could
perhaps say they were all in a
good state of preservation -

I am glad to hear you had
an enjoyable vacation - and that
Anderson will keep well - I never have
been so stout - or well in my life

weigh about 130 pounds - I
expect to return to New York next
week, about Thursday. Where
I shall be located for the
winter I do not know as yet -
I expect to be at Ellis Island
until October -

You say I do not tell you any-
thing about myself, well true
I have not very much - for
two reasons - One, that judging
from your ideas, and Uncle
Henrys, you do not see things
as I do, and can therefore have
very little sympathy with my
views or life -

Again you know so little of my
trials, and disappointments of
my life, also the hard busi-
ness struggles of it - it would
be difficult - now to make you
know enough of it to enter in.
besides which every heart knows
its own bitterness, and there are
things sacred enough in ones
life - never to open - even to your
own flesh and blood - so
that when the holy Spirit of
God comes in bringing Peace,
and Rest, it only causes pain
to go over them again - Still

I feel that - as you are my nearest
relatives I owe it to you to tell you
all I know at present, and how
I am situated - First, I am a
'friend' in Spirit; and my Spiritual
Education is alone from the Holy
Spirit; who has promised to "lead
into all truth." I am enough
of a friend to believe in the in-
spiration of the Spirit; and have
him make known to me his 'still
small voice' which He has I
have not been called once, but twice
to bring into the service of God -
I would have begun working
among them - but in New York
and Brooklyn they are dead -
The life seems to have left them,
I know of what I write, from
experience, and from those in
the Ministry - Therefore God has a
purpose in letting me stay away
from them, for a time, at least.
Thus the rest of the family have
always done - with the exception
of my father, as for myself when

We came back to New York, I went
to 20th Meeting, Expecting to stay there
and did as long as possible -
Three years ago God Called me out of
business - I obeyed, then returned
and was much taught of the Spirit
and became restless in Spirit;
although desiring to keep my position
which was good and permanent,
but again by very many leadings
of Gods Spirit and a last and
distinct call - The second time,
into his service, I resigned again -
Not knowing as much of Scripture
as I should have been taught - in
my young days - I was lead to give
a little time to study - remember -
that while the friends may not have
gone to College - They were so dis-
-cated in life as to have time
and a home to study their Bible
in, which I have not had - and
may never had, tho true I might
have married but there was always
sufficient reason not to - Thus far.
So I went to College last year
and if I am not directly, and
unmistakably lead into a dif-
-ferent path or out. will return

This winter, but as yet, I cannot say.
I have always been fortunate,
enough never to require anything
of anyone. Even though a sensitive
and delicate (though not sickly)
person, I came to the top of business,
and while I had friends there, who
made my position as happy as possible
toward its close. Still it was a
lonely life, spending ones days
among the public, and the eve-
nings in a boarding house, al-
though that was one of the most
home-like and best. I cannot
longer for my family, and a
home. I cannot tell whether
I am more affectionate than the
others or not. But no one seemed
of the others to have that cling-
ing natured that I had. But
thank God, the fires of various
kinds, have made me at last
willing to stand alone -
My father, Mrs. Both Mother and
father to me, after his death
seemed out on the board-
ing and so I can deeply sympa-
thize with you all in the

loss of Aunt Jane - Still she was
spared to you untill you had
grown to man hood, for this you
must be thankful, and her
death would naturally come
before yours - you have a life
before you, and you would be
happier with a wife, only get
the right one - and your
life may again be full -
I am growing older like your
selves - I believe for me as well
as all others it is safest to fol-
-low the voice of God, for me
especially - in the future I need
a home - I never could have one
with Ellie - for various reasons -
Robert has the heart to do any-
thing and everything for me -
but he lacks the means, and
the opportunity - I could never
be happy living with his wife
simply because our tastes differ
while she is to him, a devoted

Wife Cleanly, good hearted, and
generous - always making it as
pleasant for me as possible when
I go there. So that - just now
I am soon coming where two -
roads will meet - I must choose -
and then, I will follow in my choice
the Will of God knowing it will be
for my best interest. Should He lead
me to Japan it will be there, if
he leads me into service here, it will
be here - I cannot tell our only
Consolation for Gods leading, is our
blindness - "I will lead the blind by a
way they know not" - and so He
has, and does, keeping me from all
fear care or anxiety as to myself or
the future, giving me His peace,
which those of the world never have, nor
had I. To be "separated unto the
Gospel" means separation from many
and much that we hold dear -

It is pleasant to have loving friends
and relatives - but to cling to them,
and neglect the voice of God in the
soul, and refuse to walk in the
will of God. by doing so, brings

disquiet and unrest here, and loss
in the next world -
God has raised up for me those
who love me much - If my re-
-latives love me I shall be hap-
-py. But if they do not enter into
my life, I must needs be content -
my Brother Robert has ever shown the
sweetest and most Christ-like
Spirit toward me - and Ettie
has never hurt me on any spiritual
lines - although neither of them have
been taught or yielded to the Christ's
teachings enough to see things
as clearly as I think -

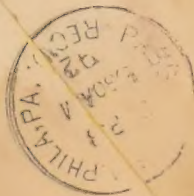
~~I am very glad to hear from you and hope~~
that - I can write more fully, or
that - you understand - sympathize
or agree with my letter, however that
I must leave -

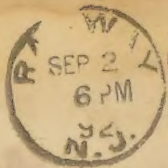
The fact of the lady who married the
Japanese Minister of Japan, does not
surprise me. I should think she would
her marriage was rather strange and
she was not called there of God. Neither
did she have a religious work there, or
live for others, her life was probably self-en-
-tered, besides which, of course a New York
or a Phila will never find any place they
like as well. I should expect to be homesick
but the Grace of God would overcome it.
Beran Brantwaile's daughter who married Dr. Phil-
likes it there - I have friends who will give me
a letter to her. Should I go - however I may not.
I should be so glad to hear from you

as I dislike to
talk about my-
self and letters
fall into other
hands than the
family's
please de-
-stroy this
when read.
as I know of
no other relatives
I would care
to write to so
fully.

Liver

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